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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to a telephone conference exchanged between the Examiner and Applicant's attorney on March 9, 2005. During the conference, the Examiner indicated that claim 3 contained allowable subject matter subject to being rewritten in independent form. The Examiner also cited U.S. 5,579,522 (Christeson) as a basis on which claim 1 could be rejected.

In view of the Examiner's comments, the application is amended to place it in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. This list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and any amendments made thereto in this paper. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer and all rights are reserved with respect to the canceled subject matter.